1: Staden--135
481

(1553-54)1928

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"When they have hit the fish they jump into the water and swim after it. Some large fish, on feeling the arrow, sink to the bottom, but the savages will dive to a depth of well-nigh six fathoms to get them."

8: Soares de Souza--322 (1570-87) 1851 Tupinamba
116, 481, 226

The Tupinamba are good swimmers and divers, and when they must, they can swim from three to four leagues. When they do not have anything to fish with, they enter the water at night and upon feeling the fish catch them by hand; in the same way they get crayfish and shrimps from the bottom of the sea.

9: Cardim--430-431 (1583-1601) 1906 Tupinamba
116, 151, 481

"They are as vermine of the Woods, for they goe a hunting into the Countrie naked and barefoot, without any feare. They have a marvellous sight, for at a league off they see any thing, and in the same manner they heare. They guesse verie right ruling themselves by the Sunne, they go to all parts they list, 200. or 300. leagues through thicke Woods, and misse not one jot, they travell much, and alwaies running a gallop, especially with [431] some charges, no Horse is able to hold out with them. They are great fishers and swimmers, they feare no Sea nor waves, continue a day and a night swimming, and the same they doe rowing, and sometimes without meate."

10: Cardim--275
116, 481, 515, 844

(1583) 1939

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Though covered with perspiration they go into the water. Men, women and children on getting up go to the river to wash themselves and swim, however cold it might be. Women swim and paddle like men and when they give birth they go to the rivers to wash themselves.